

Results from the:

2006 Survey of **Cooney** State Park Visitors

**Water-Based Montana
State Parks Study (2006-07)**



January 17, 2007

(N = 198 respondents in total) = 50% response rate to the survey

Percent of respondents by time period:

May 26-29	7.8%	July 17-20	2.2%
May 30 – June 1	4.5%	July 21-23	10.1%
June 2-4	5.0%	July 24-27	5.0%
June 5-8	3.4%	July 28-30	3.9%
June 9-11	8.9%	July 31 – Aug. 3	3.9%
June 12-15	5.0%	Aug. 4-6	1.1%
June 16-18	3.9%	Aug. 7-10	0.0%
June 19-22	4.5%	Aug. 11-13	0.0%
June 23-25	9.5%	Aug. 14-17	0.0%
June 26-29	6.1%	Aug. 18-20	0.0%
June 30 – July 4	3.4%	Aug. 21-24	0.6%
July 5-6	0.0%	Aug. 25-27	1.7%
July 7-9	1.1%	Aug. 28-31	0.0%
July 10-13	1.7%	Sept. 1-4	5.6%
July 14-16	1.1%		

1. What type of group were you with on the trip to Cooney Reservoir State Park when you were recently contacted onsite in the park and agreed to participate in this survey? (**check only one**)
 - [4.6%] Alone
 - [94.9%] Family and/or friends
 - [0.5%] Organized group or club
 - [0.0%] Other

2. Was this your first trip to this park? [85.8%] NO [14.2%] YES

3. Including yourself, how many **people** were in your group on this trip to the park?
 Mean = 6.6 Median = 6.0 (number of people)

4. Did you camp overnight in the park on this trip? (**check only one**)
 - [40.3%] NO.....If no, how many **hours** did you spend in the park? Mean = 6.4
Median = 6.0
 - [59.7%] YES....If yes, this next question has two parts:
 - a. How many **nights** did you camp in the park? Mean = 2.4
Median = 2.0
 - b. How did you camp? (**check all that apply**)
 - [38.8%] Tent...how many tents? Mean = 1.4 Median = 1.0
 - [7.8%] Auto-camper or pick-up truck camper
 - [51.7%] Trailer...fully setup length: Mean=25.3 Med=24.0 (ft) & width Mean=8.6 Med=8.0 (ft)
 - [25.9%] Motor home...fully setup length: Mean=27.1 Med=26.0 (ft)
 - [2.6%] Other & width: Mean=8.9 Med=8.0 (ft)

5. Did you or any other members of your group do any boating *at the park* on this trip? (**check only one**)
 - [29.7%] NO.....**Go to question 7**
 - [70.3%] YES....If yes, check all that apply and indicate the number of watercraft used:
 - [62.0%] Large motorboat (16 ft. or longer)..... Number: Mean=1.1 Med=1.0
 - [19.0%] Smaller motorboat (less than 16 ft.)... Number: Mean=1.1 Med=1.0
 - [21.2%] Personal watercraft (e.g., jet ski)..... Number: Mean=1.8 Med=2.0
 - [2.2%] Canoe or kayak..... Number: Mean=1.3 Med=1.0
 - [12.4%] Inflatable pontoon or float tube..... Number: Mean=1.5 Med=1.0
 - [2.2%] Other..... Number: Mean=1.0 Med=1.0

6. When boating at the park on this trip, did you see (or suspect) any people operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs? (**check only one**)
 - [91.0%] NO
 - [9.0%] YES....If yes, this next question has two parts:
 - a. How many **boats** did you see (or suspect) were being operated by a person under the influence of alcohol or drugs?
 Mean = 2.3 Median = 2.0 (number of boats)
 - b. At any one time, did you feel your personal safety or the

safety of other boaters was threatened because of the actions of these people? (**check only one**)

[50.0%] NO
[50.0%] YES

7. What recreational ACTIVITIES did you participate in while *in the park* on this trip? (**check all that apply**)

[55.7%] Picnicking	[26.3%] Water skiing
[59.7%] Camping	[33.0%] Sunbathing
[70.3%] Boating	[1.0%] Jogging/running
[18.0%] Personal watercraft (e.g., jet skiing)	[2.1%] Biking
[59.3%] Fishing	[16.5%] Wildlife viewing
[25.3%] Walking for pleasure or hiking	[2.1%] Interpretive talks
[56.2%] Swimming	[4.1%] Other

8. What activity (from question 7 above) was your **PRIMARY** activity on this trip to the park? (**check only one**)

[8.5%] Picnicking	[1.2%] Sunbathing
[33.3%] Camping	[0.0%] Jogging/running
[15.8%] Boating	[0.0%] Biking
[7.9%] Personal watercraft (e.g., jet skiing)	[0.0%] Wildlife viewing
[23.6%] Fishing	[0.0%] Interpretive talks
[1.8%] Walking for pleasure or hiking	[1.2%] Other
[2.7%] Swimming	
[4.2%] Water skiing	

9. In your opinion, how acceptable or unacceptable were the following conditions on this trip to the park? **Circle only ONE number for each condition below** or check the “I don’t know/not applicable” box if you don’t know or if a particular condition does NOT apply to you.

<u>ON THIS TRIP TO THE PARK, how unacceptable or acceptable was:</u>	Very unacceptable	Unacceptable	Neither acceptable or unacceptable	Acceptable	Very acceptable
The quality of service provided by park staff	1.7%	2.3%	4.6%	50.9%	40.6%
The availability of park staff to answer questions and talk with	2.4%	2.4%	17.1%	45.1%	32.9%
The professionalism of park staff	1.7%	1.2%	8.1%	43.6%	45.3%
The friendliness of park staff	1.2%	1.2%	6.9%	38.2%	52.6%
The availability of law enforcement staff in the park	4.8%	4.8%	24.8%	39.2%	26.4%
The professionalism of law enforcement staff in the park	1.9%	4.8%	23.1%	42.3%	27.9%
The feeling of safety and security in the park	1.1%	2.7%	7.0%	55.1%	34.2%

<u>ON THIS TRIP TO THE PARK, how unacceptable or acceptable was:</u>	Very unacceptable	Unacceptable	Neither acceptable or unacceptable	Acceptable	Very acceptable
The type of facilities provided at the park	0.5%	2.6%	9.8%	56.5%	30.6%
The quality of facilities provided at the park	1.0%	2.6%	11.5%	53.6%	31.3%
The cleanliness and overall upkeep of park facilities	3.1%	1.6%	4.7%	51.0%	39.6%
The cleanliness and overall upkeep of restrooms	3.3%	2.2%	6.0%	46.7%	41.8%
The cleanliness and overall upkeep of showers	3.0%	1.5%	15.2%	34.8%	45.5%
The condition of picnic tables	1.8%	1.8%	6.5%	56.5%	33.3%
The condition of campfire rings	1.4%	3.4%	10.9%	52.4%	32.0%
Road conditions in the park	2.1%	6.3%	12.1%	61.6%	17.9%
The amount of dust kicked up by vehicles using park roads	1.6%	18.4%	24.7%	50.0%	5.3%
The number of information signs in the park	2.1%	4.8%	7.9%	40.4%	14.8%
The ease of reading (legibility) of information signs in the park	1.6%	3.7%	5.9%	64.7%	24.1%
The quality of information signs in the park	2.1%	3.7%	5.9%	66.5%	21.8%
The amount of information about what there is to see and do in the park	1.9%	7.6%	21.5%	53.8%	15.2%
The amount of information about what types of facilities are available in the park	1.9%	6.2%	23.6%	52.8%	15.5%
The cost of overnight camping fees in the park	7.3%	13.9%	24.2%	46.7%	7.9%
The number of people camping overnight in the park	0.6%	5.8%	20.6%	62.6%	10.3%
The amount of noise coming from gas powered electric generators in the park	0.6%	4.5%	16.2%	65.6%	13.0%
The number of people at day-use areas in the park	0.6%	2.5%	14.2%	69.1%	13.6%
The amount of human-caused impacts to natural resources at the park (e.g., water, soil, vegetation)	1.2%	7.6%	18.0%	64.0%	9.3%
Overall, the number of boaters at the park	4.2%	11.1%	15.3%	60.0%	9.5%
The number of motor boaters (excluding personal watercraft)	3.7%	13.2%	9.5%	64.2%	9.5%
The number of personal watercraft users (e.g., jet skiers)	9.5%	16.9%	15.3%	49.7%	8.5%
The number of non-motorized boaters (e.g., canoers, kayakers, sail boaters, etc.)	1.8%	1.2%	11.2%	66.5%	19.4%
The number of water skiers	2.2%	7.2%	14.4%	63.3%	12.8%
The amount of noise coming from motorized watercraft (excluding personal watercraft)	2.6%	8.4%	13.2%	63.2%	12.6%
The amount of noise coming from personal watercraft (e.g., jet skis)	4.8%	15.4%	14.4%	57.4%	8.0%
The amount of time spent waiting to load or unload watercraft at boat ramp facilities	2.1%	5.6%	14.6%	55.6%	22.2%
The condition of boat ramps	1.3%	2.7%	8.0%	58.7%	29.3%

ON THIS TRIP TO THE PARK, <u>how unacceptable or acceptable was:</u>	Very unacceptable	Unacceptable	Neither acceptable or unacceptable	Acceptable	Very acceptable
The condition of boat docks	1.3%	3.4%	10.7%	56.4%	28.2%
The number of people fishing from a boat	0.6%	0.0%	13.4%	68.2%	17.8%
The number of people bank or wade fishing	0.6%	0.0%	10.1%	70.2%	19.0%
<i>Each of the remaining topics below make reference to practices that are definitely unacceptable. However, when responding to these topics, think only in terms of whether or not the NUMBER or AMOUNT is acceptable or unacceptable:</i>					
The number of people operating motorized watercraft (excluding personal watercraft) in an unsafe manner	8.4%	12.6%	15.0%	46.7%	17.4%
The number of people operating personal watercraft (e.g., jet skis) in an unsafe manner	11.8%	20.7%	21.3%	33.7%	12.4%
The number of people violating park rules and regulations	7.9%	22.0%	15.9%	41.5%	12.8%
The number of people being too noisy during park quiet hours (10 pm – 8 am)	5.9%	8.8%	20.6%	41.9%	22.8%
The number of dogs off-leash in the park	11.9%	18.1%	9.4%	46.3%	14.4%
The amount of litter in the park	8.0%	6.4%	12.3%	52.4%	20.9%

10. On a scale from 1 (poor) to 9 (excellent), how would you rate your overall experience on this trip to the park?
(circle the number that best describes your experience)

[0.5%] [0.5%] [1.5%] [4.1%] [7.1%] [12.2%] [36.5%] [22.3%] [15.2%]
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 (Poor) (Excellent)

11. Overall, how do you think the quality of your experience at this park has changed over the last **FIVE** years?
(check only one)

[1.3%] The quality of the experience has become much worse
 [13.5%] The quality of the experience has become worse
 [25.0%] The quality of the experience has NOT changed in five years
 [44.2%] The quality of the experience has become better
 [16.0%] The quality of the experience has become much better

12. How important is it to you that this park offer (or improve) the following facilities or services in the future?
Circle only ONE number for each facility/service below.

<u>Facility/service</u>	Very unimportant	Unimportant	Neither important or unimportant	Important	Very important
More tent camping sites	5.5%	16.9%	34.4%	30.6%	12.6%
More group camping sites	3.2%	16.8%	30.3%	35.1%	14.6%
More large trailer camping sites	5.9%	21.1%	36.8%	28.1%	8.1%
A reservation system for some (not all) campsites in each campground	16.6%	17.1%	32.1%	21.9%	12.3%
Group picnic shelters (or more group picnic shelters)	4.3%	12.4%	31.9%	38.4%	13.0%
Camping cabins/yurts	17.7%	26.3%	37.6%	12.9%	5.4%
Electrical hookups at some campsites	11.1%	13.7%	30.0%	26.8%	18.4%
Water hookups at some campsites	9.6%	12.8%	31.4%	26.6%	19.7%
Sewer hookups at some campsites	12.3%	16.0%	39.0%	16.6%	16.0%
Paving of roads (or more paved roads)	6.3%	16.1%	29.2%	34.4%	14.1%
Paving of RV pads (or more paved RV pads)	12.2%	22.8%	44.4%	13.2%	7.4%
Shower facilities (or more showers facilities)	4.2%	14.7%	34.6%	34.0%	12.6%
Flush toilets (or more flush toilets)	7.9%	18.9%	37.4%	25.8%	10.0%
Boat ramps (or more boat ramps)	4.2%	15.1%	41.7%	27.6%	11.5%
Boat docks (or more boat docks)	4.2%	13.5%	40.1%	30.2%	12.0%
Boat rentals	17.9%	31.1%	33.2%	15.8%	2.1%
Interpretive talks (or more interpretive talks)	14.4%	25.1%	49.2%	9.1%	2.1%
Playgrounds (or more playgrounds)	12.4%	17.5%	32.5%	30.9%	6.7%
Sporting facilities (e.g., horseshoe pits, volleyball areas, etc.)	8.8%	17.5%	34.0%	32.5%	7.2%
More accessibility for persons with disabilities	5.7%	8.9%	39.6%	35.9%	9.9%
Concessions for ice, firewood, etc. (or more concessions)	8.9%	15.2%	28.3%	37.7%	9.9%

13. In total, about how many **YEARS** have you been visiting this state park?

Mean = 16.6 Median = 15.0 (years)

14. About how many **TRIPS PER YEAR** do you typically take to this park?

Mean = 6.4 Median = 4.0 (trips per year)

15. Excluding this state park, are there any other places where you typically go to recreate? (**check only one**)

[21.9%] NO

[78.1%] YES....If yes, where else do you typically go to recreate?

Top 5: Tongue River Reservoir, Yellowtail Dam, Canyon Ferry,
Bighorn River, and Red Lodge

(See attached open-ended results for more detail)

16. Where do you typically get **MOST** of your information about Montana's state parks? (**check only one**)

[16.3%] Newspaper

[0.0%] Magazine

[2.5%] Television or radio

[8.1%] Calling a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) office by telephone

[31.3%] Visiting a Montana state park

[3.1%] Visiting a FWP office in person

[15.0%] FWP website (on the Internet)

[0.0%] Other websites on the Internet

[1.3%] *Montana Outdoors* magazine

[6.3%] Tourist information brochures and/or pamphlets

[1.9%] Tourist information books

[0.6%] Local chamber of commerce

[0.0%] Montana Department of Commerce

[13.8%] Other....(primarily friends/family and word of mouth...see attached
open-ended results for more detail)

17. What is your age? Mean = 45.6 Median = 46.0 (years)

18. Are you? (**check only one**)

[41.1%] Female

[58.9%] Male

19. Are you a current resident of Montana? (**check only one**)

[4.6%] NO

[95.4%] YES....If yes, how many **years** have you lived in Montana? Mean = 32.8
Median = 32.5

Additional comments: _____

_____ (See attached open-ended results) _____



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(End of Questionnaire)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Please return your completed questionnaire using the enclosed postage paid envelope.

By participating in this study, you will be entered into a drawing in which one winning individual will receive a \$250 gift certificate to a outdoor sporting goods retailer.

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Open-Ended Responses of Those Who Said “YES” to Question 15
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15. Excluding this state park, where else do you typically go to recreate?
(number of responses in parenthesis)

Tongue River Reservoir	(54)	James Kipp Campground
Yellowtail Dam	(22)	Whitebird-Boulder River
Canyon Ferry	(16)	Bob Marshall
Bighorn	(16)	Beartooths
Red Lodge	(15)	Holland Lake
Fort Peck Lake	(13)	Greenough
Deadman’s Basin	(12)	Wild Bill
Hell Creek	(8)	Boulder River
Yellowstone	(8)	Big Timer
Lake Elmo	(6)	Flathead Valley
Martinsdale Reservoir	(5)	Lake Mary Ronan
Rosebud	(5)	Lubrecht
Holter Dam/Lake	(4)	Little Snowies
Seeley Lake	(4)	Hysham Fish Access
Nat’l Park Service Facilities	(4)	Hebgen
Pryor Mountain Dam	(3)	Crazy Lakes
Flathead Lake	(3)	Goose Lake
Woodbine	(3)	Lamar River
Georgetown Lake	(2)	Rock Creek
Glacier	(2)	Hauser Lake
Beartooths	(2)	Holter Lake
Gallatin Valley	(2)	Stillwater
Castle Rock	(2)	Black Sandy
Tiber Dam	(2)	Ruby Reservoir
Parkside	(2)	Bear Lake
State Parks	(2)	Wild Bill Lake
Patrollia	(2)	Ackley
Showbank Campground		Spring Creek
Hyalite Reservoir		Big Hole
Pictograph Caves		Fort Smith

Open-Ended “Other” Responses to Question 16
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16. Where do you typically get MOST of your information about Montana’s state parks?
(number of responses in parenthesis)
1. Friends/Family (11)
 2. Word of mouth (9)
 3. Personal experience (2)
 4. Highway map
 5. FWP office Locals
 6. Locals

Verbatim, Open-Ended Additional Comments

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We enjoy Cooney State Park very much—the FWP staff has always been friendly and professional. I don't like to see people using campsites for day use or "reserve" by paying in advance and then showing up later to camp. My other "pet peeve" are boats who will pull skiers in the wrong direction—it's just unsafe and I think they should be pulled over—educated and/or fined. Thanks for listening.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Just more water.

I believe that campers who take their campers up days in advance should be ticketed. We took extra days off to get lakeside spots only to find that other had brought their campers up early but did not show up for a day and a half.

I don't know if you can purchase fishing licenses there. If not, that might be a good idea. Maybe sell bait and lures.

Charge Yellowstone County residents or open Lake Elmo to them—too many especially on weekends!

Fishing has been down graded in numbers of fish being planted for number of increased fishermen. If at all possible—good walleye-northern pike reservoir near Billings would be great for largest populated area in Montana. Walleye tournaments, pike tournaments could bring additional money to area. People would pay to have closer reservoir. Yellowstone River diverted (maybe).

Releasing water from lake so early reduces the ability to enjoy the park to any extent in the latter part of July and August. Water needs to be retained during April and May.

Need to enforce no leaving of campers unattended overnight to reserve spots—3 in our campground were empty Wed and Thurs nights—they come and dropped their campers and left until Friday after work. Also day users should be required to vacate overnight camping sites by 5:00 PM—we can't stay in day use so how come they can occupy an overnight spot until 9 or 10 at night??

The bathrooms were very clean and the disinfectant soap is great to have in there.

The signs to get to Cooney Dam need improvement also at the fork in road there needs to be a sign. Water at campsites for tents to cook and clean up with.

It was our 1st trip and we had a great time—but, it was a week day. I've avoided Cooney because I hear it is very crowded on weekends and that would change many of my answers probably. We don't like to camp where there is over the potential for more than one campground will hold!

Need more trees for shade. At Cooney need more camping spots. Instead of residents.

Marshall Cove is a very nice campground—it would be nice to see as much attention and time applied to the others. Just because we have a dog doesn't mean we should have "???" of a campground.

Too many people operate boats and jet skis while drinking. Jet skis are not observing no wake zones. Nothing is being done to stop this.

Overall the experience was great. The whole family had a great time.

Other parks I guess have specific hours for jet skis. I think this would be a great thing because they are inconsiderate, noisy rude and unsafe in every aspect when trying to fish, water ski, or tubing. More shower facilities should be available.

I have seen a great improvement here, the only place we like to stay is at Marshall Cove. I wish the other sites at the lake were just the same.

Better fresh water supply at State Parks.

Memorial weekend was very rainy—not much boat traffic. This last weekend there were so many jet skis and boats I felt very unsafe. I am a fisherman but we always water ski occasionally so we understand the lake is for everyone—but lately we have been fishing at night to avoid boat/jet ski traffic.

The park was very clean.

I like Cooney how it is. Getting too many “fancy” things will only raise the price for both those who use it and those that won’t be using the “new” improvement. Being more strict on following the no “saving” campgrounds and the leash rule would be great.

Cooney appears to be very well managed.

I like the availability of a shower on the north side, nice to get one on south side too. The boat ramp improvements—to go out further in shallower (low) water is nice. More picnic tables would be good and an emergency/pay phone on each side would be helpful since spotty cell phone coverage there.

This weekend was cool, windy and rainy so there was not the usual over abundance of water skiers and jet skis. I would like to see the return of reduced camping fees for MT State Parks pass holders. There could be some great campsites in the day use “only” areas.

Cooney Dam overall has always been well maintained. As it has continued to grow more camping sites need to be made available. More boat docking ramps would be nice.

Memorial Day weekend very rainy. Toilets not cleaned. Grass not mowed prior to weekend, water locked off, trees fallen and laying on beach, no camp host. It would be nice if there were covers over picnic tables, not wood (rot and wasps) but maybe metal.

Montana has improved Cooney beyond expectations. However the park is small, now it is time to sit back and water the trees. Lets build a reservoir on Valley Creek and make it a State Park. Excellent work.

Charging too much per night to camp, for what is offered.

I like to ice fish and fishing isn’t good. Need wind shelters.
Lake is very low.

We had a wonderful time. The envelope system is not very well managed. No directions on where to go to pay.

It is difficult to get to and too many miles with not signs.

Have a campsite for RV's and another for non RV's as they are so noisy with generators. Mid-week is better camping because of less people and drinking and noise.

Park is great, but need more camping sites and a reservation system.

Facilities are good, too many jet skis and water skiers making it difficult for bank fishing.

I don't know why dogs are not allowed in this campground. If they are on a leash and quiet, there is not problem. There were dogs anyway.

More trees and vegetation is needed.

Had a good experience, and the park is well managed.

Cooney is dangerous on weekends.

Had a good time, everything was clean and neat.

Good staff, it is one of our favorite places to camp.

A great place and close to home and not too expensive.

Cooney is a nice place to go for a day. Jet skis are obnoxious, noisy and dangerous. Should be banned.

Would like to see hookups for water and lights. Most important is a dump station.

Great park, great FWP folks.

The free daily fee use is a great asset.

I've watched Cooney evolve over the years and have camped there since I was a child. Nice spot.

Fee too high for tent camping. There is no electric or water/sewer.

Dogs must be on leash. We don't want to get bit, only have a nice family outing.

Been 30 yrs since we have been to Cooney. I was impressed with the improvements, docks, ramps & cleanliness.

But it was a zoo. Need to limit people and water crafts. Watercraft users were rude.

Good work.

More money put into the park facilities. Not much improvements have been made through the years.

Boat storage at Cooney.

Needs to be a veteran rate.

Good job.

Park was great fun. Park employees were helpful and friendly. Not too crowded.

Cooney is great. Water was quite low this year.

Limit the number of jet skis, or put a time zone in effect.

Signs at Cooney are good except when the water level lowers. When a ramp is unusable a news release need to be in the paper. We ran all over the place findings a boat ramp we could use. Get some notices out.

Park definitely need better enforcement of safety rules for boats and jet skis and the no pets rule.

A jet ski ran into my husband and child. There are too many on the lake. Safety is a high concern now, the lake is too small for so many boats and jet skiers.

Need electrical hookups, more accessibility for RV and boats. Less jet skis. More law enforcement and they need to be more knowledgeable of fishing and water conditions and of roads and camping conditions. Fish and game should be helping out those sportsman who ask. Cooney is a treasured place, but small. It is over ran and under managed. FWP can figure it out without stuff shirt pig headed law enforcement harassing fishermen.

More sand on south side.

Park personnel deserve a pat on the back.

Lots of trash on the shoreline. Boaters were closest to us were obviously drunk, screaming and blaring music on the boat. Poor fishing.

More focus on boating safety and laws. Someone to enforce those laws. Everyone is after the personal watercraft. All motorized craft need to be aware of boating safety. (the 200ft of no wake off shore).

These surveys useless as FWP are going to do whatever they want, and public opinion has no bearing.

A store to get gas and supplies would be nice.

Need a dump station. Park attendant was great help.

Didn't catch many fish.

North Dakota campgrounds are light years ahead. Need electricity and dump stations.

Don't over develop for tourists. Keep MT native.

Weekends get too crowded for fishing, jet skis and water skiing disturbs the fishing and need to be patrolled.

Nice park, good people.

Hadn't been to park in 15 yrs and it was a pleasant visit.

Wondering why we were forced to leave a site for a camper when others were available for their use. The rules should be posted to prevent any misunderstanding that may arise from this practice.

Make Cooney a way better park. Upgrade camping sites, paving, electricity and water. Make better boat docks.

We had rattlesnakes in our camp on the 4th of July.

We enjoy Cooney, would like to ride 4-wheelers to store to save on gas.

Camp fees are higher than most other states and facilities are less developed. Day use takes up too many campsites, to access shoreline and use picnic facilities not provided in day use area. They should have to stay in day use area, they are not paying for campsites. I want to see prudent development.

Nightly fees are too expensive.

Cooney is nice and it's close to Billings. Staff was pleasant and helpful. Area was clean.

Would like to see a safer designated swim area. Boats and jet skis come into shore everywhere. Boaters do not obey the no wake rule in boat ramp area. Large motorized shouldn't be on this small lake. Would like to be able to reserve campsites.

Would like to see flush toilets or some air freshener in the bathrooms.

We like MT campgrounds. Cooney is best because of size and closeness to home. Need more bathrooms. We love dogs but they must be on a leash.

Restrooms were clean, but keep toilet paper in them. Park employees were very friendly.

Need more shade.

Limit jet skis.

Boat dock could use padded corners. Bathrooms need to be cleaned on a more regular basis.

More tent spots and fair price for one night.

Would like to be able to purchase a camping permit each year.